(c) The matter is presently under consideration of the Government.

(d) Yes, Sir. Hubli Workshop has been tentatively identified for modernisation. It will, however, be included in the Railway Works Programme at the appropriate time depending upon the availability of funds *vis-a-vis* other competing requirements.

Review of Rail Fares

610. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high-powered panel to review rail fares; if so, what are the terms of its reference;

(b) what are the reasons for fixing two years period for submission of the report;

(c) whether the panel has been asked to submit an interim report; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what steps Government propose to take with a view to providing relief to rail passengers who cannot afford higher rail fares; and

(e) what are the details of measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Railway Fare and Freight Committee has been set up to review the rail fare and freight structure. The Terms of Reference for the Committee are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(b) Keeping in view the volume of work involved, a period of two years for submission of the report is considered necessary.

(c) The Terms of Reference include the provision for submission of interim recommendations, on one or more subjects, as required by the Government.

(d) and (e) The rail fares for Second Class are deliberately kept at a low level as a measure of providing relief to such passengers.

Statement

Terms of Reference

To examine the entire gamut of present fare and freight structure and other ancillary matters, keeping in view the increase in cost of operations, quantum and pattern of traffic expected to be carried by the Railways, changes in technology, national transport policy and overall economic development of the country.

1.1. To particularly study, review and examine the following:

1.1.1. *Passenger Fares*

(a) the relativity of passenger fares for different classes of travel;

(b) season ticket fares and other concessions;

(c) reservation fee, sleeper surcharge for second class, supplementary charges for super fast trains and other miscellaneous charges;

(d) Charges for special trains, reserved carriages, tourist cars and saloons, circular journey tickets, Indrail passes, platform tickets, clerkage charges and cancellation charges etc. as contained in the present Coaching Tariff.

1.1.2. *Goods Rates*

(a) Goods classification assigned to different commodities booked in smalls, wagon loads and train loads;

(b) relatively between the rates for smalls, wagon loads and train loads;

(c) minimum weight for availing of wagon loads|train loads classification as prescribed in the Goods Tariff;

(d) Railway Risk and Owner Risk rates, minimum distance for charge, minimum weight for charge, minimum charge per consignment, wharfage and demurrage charges and other charges prescribed in the Goods Tariff.

1.1.3. *Siding Charges*

The policy and rules for provision of sidings and levy of siding charges interest and maintenance charges and terms and conditions for siding agreement.

1.1.4. *Parcel Rates*

(a) rates applicable to different descriptions of parcels and luggage traffic;

(b) feasibility of integrated rates for goods in smalls and parcels;

(c) minimum distance for charge, minimum weight for charge and minimum charge for consignment etc. as laid down in the Coaching Tariff.

1.1.5. *Rates and Miscellaneous Charges for*

(a) military traffic; and

(b) postal traffic.

1.1.6. *Rules for carriage of dangerous goods as contained in Red Tariff.*

1.1.7. *Integrated Intermodal Services*

Charges to be levied for integrated intermodal transport such as door to door service in container or collection of traffic by road for a nodal point for further movement by rail.

1.1.8. *Traffic Costing*

System of traffic costing on the Railways.

1.1.9. *Railway Rates Tribunal*

Jurisdiction of the Railway Rates Tribunal.

1.2. To make interim recommendations on any one or more subjects mentioned above as may be required by the Ministry of Railways.

रेलवे स्टेशनों पर टिकटों की बिक्री

611. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश के उन 10 स्टेशनों के नाम क्या हैं जहां पर टिकटों की सर्वाधिक बिक्री होती है ;

(ख) पिछले वर्ष के दौरान इन दस स्टेशनों पर कुल कितने रुपये के टिकटों की बिक्री की गई ;

(ग) क्या सरकार को टिकटों के संबंध में जालसाजी की जानकारी है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसकी रोकथाम के लिए सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) टिकटों की अधिकतम बिक्री वाले 10 स्टेशनों के नाम नीचे दिए गए हैं :–

1. बम्बई वी. टी.
2. मद्रास सेंट्रल
3. नई दिल्ली
4. हावड़ा
5. बम्बई सेंट्रल